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BUCHAREST, LIMA, NEW DELHI, TOKYO, NICOSIA FROM GENEVA ON AUG 22,  
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SUBJ: LOS: LIAISON REPORT

1. COLOMBIA. A.L REINA ADVOCATED PREFERENTIAL RIGHTS  
ZONE FOR FISHING WITHIN PATRIMONIAL SEA WHICH COULD BE  
SHARED BY NEIGHBORING OR DISTANT STATES. HE RECOMMENDS  
BILATERAL OR MULTILATERAL REGIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR  
FISHERIES AND INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS ESTABLISHED BY  
IMCO FOR MARINE POLLUTION. ON SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH (SR)  
REINA QUESTIONED SUFFICIENCY OF US PROPOSAL ON NOTIFI-  
CATION BUT PROMISED FURTHER STUDY. TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER  
IS NECESSARY AND DEFINED AS TRANSFER OF EXPERTISE,  
KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL IN USING INSTRUMENTS NOT TRANSFER  
OF EQUIPMENT.

2. INDIA. SOURCE FAVORS US POSITION ON TERRITORIAL  
SEA AND STRAITS BUT WILL NOT STATE SUPPORT OPENLY CITING  
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DELICATE POSITION AS LDC.

3. ROMANIA SOURCES (MIRCER AND CIUBOTARU) STATED BELIEF IN FREE TRANSIT BUT STRAIT STATE MUST HAVE SOME PREROGATIVES. THEY BELIEVE "THERE SHALL NOT BE SUSPENSION OF RIGHT OF INNOCENT PASSAGE...THROUGH STRAITS..." CONTINUES TO BE APPROPRIATE LANGUAGE TO ENSURE CONTINUED RIGHT OF TRANSIT THRU STRAITS. FIJI ARTICLES ON PASSAGE THRU TERRITORIAL SEA ARE STEP IN RIGHT DIRECTION AND RIGHT OF INNOCENT PASSAGE REDEFINED TO BE MORE OBJECTIVE WOULD BE SATISFACTORY RESULT. PROBLEMS COULD BE RESOLVED BY BILATERALS. SOURCES EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT WITH US SEABED ECONOMIC AREA ARTICLE WHICH SPECIFIED ARTIFICIAL ISLANDS/STRUCTURES WOULD HAVE NO TERRITORIAL SEA OR ECONOMIC ZONE IMPLYING NATURAL ISLANDS DO HAVE ECONOMIC ZONE.

4. CYPRUS. JACOVIDES CALLED ATTENTION OF US DELOFF, IN LIGHT OF US DEMARCHE ON STRAITS SUBJECT LAST YEAR, TO FACT CYPRUS HAS NOT SPOKEN IN SUPPORT OF EIGHT-POWER STRAITS PROPOSAL EVEN THOUGH POLITICAL NECESSITY MADE CYPRUS CO-SPONSOR. (NOTE: GENEVA 4399 EPORTED CYPRUS SPEAKING ONLY IN SUPRT OF "INNOCENT PASSAGE IN TERRITORIAL SEA").

5. JAPAN. AMB MCKERNAN AND US DELOFFS MET WITH JAPANESE DELOFFS (INCLUDING IGUCHI, TANABE AND KAWAKANI) TO DISCUSS FISHERIES, PARTICULARLY THEIR DRAFT PROPOSAL ON ANADROMOUS FISHERIES. AFTER CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION THEY INDICATED THEIR PRIMARY CONCERN WAS WITH SOVS AND THAT RE NW PACIFIC THEY HAD NO INTENTION OF INCREASING CATCH OR SUGGESTING RE-NEGOTIATION OF INPFC, WHICH WOULD PERMIT SALMON FISHING FURTHER EAST IN NORTH PACIFIC. THEY INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT SOME CONTROL IN WEST N PACIFIC BUT VAGUE ABOUT FORM AND EXTENT OF CONTROL WILLING TO HAVE EXERCISED OVER SALMON FISHERIES WEST OF CURRENT ABSTENTION LINE AT 175 DEG W. LONG. THEY ALSO INDICATED THEY HAD TALKED WITH CANADA BUT HAD NOT GIVEN THEM COPY OF DRAFT ON ANADROMOUS SPECIES. CANADA, THEY SAID, TALKS HARD LINE AND THEIR PRIMARY CONCERN IS NOT PERMITTING JAPAN

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TO FISH EAST OF ABSTENTION LINE. MCKERNAN NOTED PROBLEM WITH US PUBLIC IN ATTEMPTING TO NEGOTIATE ON THIS ISSUE AND FURTHERMORE WE WOULD REQUIRE, AS MINIMUM, MORE CONTROL IN AREA WEST OF LINE THAN THEIR PAPER PERMITTED. TO SERIOUSLY CONSIDER THEIR SALMON PROPOSAL WE WOULD WANT TO KNOW JAPAN'S ATTITUDE ON OTHER ASPECTS OF US LOS POSITION, PARTICULARLY FISHERIES. WE WERE NOT IN POSITION TO AGREE TO COMPROMISE POSITION ON

SALMON IF OTHER ASPECTS OF OUR FISHERIES POSITION COULD NOT BE HARMONIZED WITH JAPAN'S POINT OF VIEW. JAPANESE DESIRE MORE WORK WITH US BUT NO COMMITMENT ON FISHERIES. ON SPECIES OTHER THAN SALMON THEY INDICATED THAT, DEPENDING ON HOW TRADITIONAL FISHERIES WAS TREATED IN OUR ARTICLE, THEY MIGHT BE ABLE TO AGREE TO SOMETHING LIKE IT. (COMMENT: MCKERNAN BELIEVES GOJ MIGHT GET CLOSER TO OUR FISHERIES POSITION IF WE WILLING TO WORK WITH THEM ON SALMON QUESTION.)

6. PERU. AFTER DIFFICULT SESSION ON SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IN WHICH BRAZIL AND ARGENTINA HAD BEEN PARTICULARLY ANTAGONISTIC, PERU DELOFF TOLD AMB MCKERNAN THAT THIS WAS ONE AREA WHERE WE COULD FIND SOME AGREEMENT, AND HE WAS VERY ANNOYED AT INTRACTABLE POSITION OF BRAZIL AND ARGENTINA.

7. LEBANON. DR. A. FATTAL TOLD STEVENSON THAT LEBANON SUPPORTED US POSITION ON TRANSIT THRU INTERNATIONAL STRAITS AS DID CERTAIN PERSIAN GULF ARAB STATES. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IN OVERCOMING EGYPT'S OPPOSITION TO FREE TRANSIT IF WAY COULD BE FOUND TO SEPARATE ISRAELI DISPUTE WITH RESPECT TO STRAITS OF TIRAN AND GULF OF AQABA FROM GENERAL LOS NEGOTIATIONS.

8. AUSTRALIA. AMB. HARRY TOLD STEVENSON THAT HIS PM HAD PROMISED INDONESIANS GOA WOULD NOT SUPPORT RIGHT OF SUBMERGED TRANSIT THRU STRAITS UNLESS SOME PROVISION ON NOTICE WERE INCLUDED.

9. COLOMBIA. AMB. ZULETA TORRES ADVISED AMB. STEVENSON OF THE FOLLOWING POINTS:  
A. COLOMBIA FAVORS COMPULSORY DISPUTE SETTLEMENT TO CONFIDENTIAL

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LOS TREATY MATTERS BUT IT SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO SPECIFIC ASPECTS OF TREATY RATHER THAN COVERING TREATY AS WHOLE AND CERTAIN MATTERS SUCH AS BOUNDARY DISPUTES SHOULD BE EXCLUDED;

B. COLOMBIA WAS PARTICIPATING IN THE MEETING OF COASTAL STATES TRYING TO DEVELOP COMMON POSITION ON ECONOMIC ZONE AND HAD BEEN OPPOSING INCLUSION OF COASTAL STATE CONTROL OVER POLLUTION IN ECONOMIC ZONE. COLOMBIA IS CONCERNED THAT POLLUTION CONTROL ZONE COULD INTERFERE WITH NAVIGATION IN CARIBBEAN;

C. LA GROUP IS DISSATISFIED WITH KHEDADIS CHAIRMANSHIP OF SC II WORKING GROUP, AND HOPES THAT GALINDO POHL WILL TAKE MORE ACTIVE ROLE AND BE

DESIGNATED TO CARRY ON TRANSITIONAL WORK IN REDUCING  
NUMBER OF ALTERNATIVE TEXTS.

D. JAMAICA HAS PUT FORWARD ITS CANDIDACY AS HEAD-  
QUARTERS SITE FOR NEW SEABEDS ORGANIZATION. CAN-  
DIDACY HAS BEEN COLDLY RECEIVED IN LA GROUP. HE  
INDICATED THAT LA GROUP HAD LONG CONSIDERED THAT  
SEAT OF AUTHORITY SHOULD BE IN LATIN AMERICA IN VIEW  
OF THEIR HISTORICAL INTEREST IN LOS AND SUGGESTED THAT  
COUNTRY SUCH AS COLOMBIA, WHICH HAS DIRECT ACCESS TO  
BOTH ATLANTIC AND PACIFIC, WOULD BE A LOGICAL SEAT  
BUT THAT PERHAPS PANAMA WOULD BE THE MOST LOGICAL  
OF ALL.

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